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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6238

BILL NUMBER: SB 160

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 14, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Apr 10, 2003

SUBJECT: Fee for Transportation of Nuclear Waste.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Riegsecker

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Wolkins

BILL STATUS: As Passed - House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill changes the fee for the shipment of high level radioactive waste from a fee for the total shipment to a fee for each cask. The bill establishes a fee for transportation of low level radioactive waste and requires deposit of the fee in the Nuclear Response Fund. It permits the use of that fund for education, training, and equipment to local emergency responders to prevent, prepare for, or respond to acts of terrorism. The bill requires a person that transports radioactive waste in Indiana to reimburse security expenses to each governmental entity that provides security for a shipment.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill requires a person that transports radioactive waste in Indiana to reimburse security expenses to governmental entities that provide security for a shipment. State and local governmental entities do not currently provide security for these shipments. However, if security is needed in the future, this provision would allow the state and local law enforcement entities to recoup any security costs incurred.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) This bill establishes a fee for the shipment of the low-level nuclear waste through Indiana. It also increases the fee charged to ship high-level nuclear waste. Revenue from this fee is deposited in the Nuclear Response Fund. The fund is to be used by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to provide equipment and training to local emergency responders affected by the transportation of the waste.

Low-Level Nuclear Waste: The bill establishes a fee of \$100 per shipment of low-level nuclear waste (as defined in IC 13-11-2-121(a)). Based on the projected average number of shipments through Indiana from FY

2002 to FY 2010, this fee is expected to generate approximately \$23,000 annually.

High-Level Nuclear Waste: Changing the fee for the shipment of high-level nuclear waste through the state could potentially increase the fee revenue received in the Nuclear Response Fund, administered by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). Under current law, a fee of \$1,000 is charged on each total shipment of high-level nuclear waste. This bill will change the fee to \$1,000 for each cask of high-level nuclear waste. According to SEMA, the state has not yet had any shipments of high-level nuclear waste through the state that would be affected by this change. However, there are a number of scheduled shipments of waste through the state that have been delayed due to national events.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) The bill allows local entities to recover the costs associated with providing security to shipments of radioactive waste.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Emergency Management Agency; Indiana State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement entities.

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